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Raised Bill No. 5290

LCO No. 1156

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN DORMITORIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (b) No person shall smoke: (1) In any building or portion of a
5 building owned or leased and operated by the state or any political
6 subdivision thereof except in a smoking area; (2) in any area of a health
7 care institution other than a smoking area, provided the smoking area
8 may not be the institution's only waiting area, and notice shall be
9 posted at entrances to such institutions that smoking is prohibited by
10 state law; (3) in any area of a retail food store open to the general
11 public; (4) in any public area of a restaurant having a seating capacity
12 of seventy-five or more persons, unless a sign is posted which
13 indicates that smoking is permitted in such area, provided (i) no such
14 restaurant shall be designated, in its entirety, as a smoking area, (ii)
15 smoking may be prohibited in rooms used for private social functions,
16 and (iii) a sign is posted at the entrance of the restaurant indicating the

17 availability of nonsmoking areas; (5) notwithstanding the provisions of
18 section 31-40q, within a public school building while school is in
19 session or student activities are being conducted; and (6) in any
20 passenger elevator, provided no person shall be arrested for violating
21 this subsection unless there is posted in such room or elevator a sign
22 which indicates that smoking is prohibited by state law. This
23 subsection shall not apply to correctional facilities, [dormitory rooms
24 in any public institution of higher education,] psychiatric facilities,
25 public housing projects as defined in subsection (b) of section 21a-278a
26 or classrooms where demonstration smoking is taking place as part of
27 a medical or scientific experiment or lesson.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Board of Trustees of the
29 Connecticut State University System shall provide for the designation
30 of certain floors or areas in the dormitories at the state universities as
31 smoking areas. In accordance with subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of
32 the general statutes, as amended by this act, no person shall smoke in a
33 dormitory except in such an area.

34 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Board of Trustees of The
35 University of Connecticut shall provide for the designation of certain
36 floors or areas in the dormitories at the university as smoking areas. In
37 accordance with subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general
38 statutes, as amended by this act, no person shall smoke in a dormitory
39 except in such an area.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To limit smoking in dormitories at public institutions of higher education to designated smoking areas.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]